

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-25 and 30-33 are now pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 13-19, 21-25 and 30-32 have been amended, and Claims 1 and 26-29 have been cancelled, herewith. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

Claims 1 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kolnick, US Patent No. 5,502,839. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance. Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been overcome.

II. Objection to Claims

The Examiner stated that Claims 2-25 and 30-33 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the claims have been amended accordingly to overcome this objection, by rewriting such claims to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As these allowable claims are now the only claims remaining in this case, this case is now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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